

Mr. Keith Hall
Select Committee on
Intelligence, Staff
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Keith,

As you will recall, during the course of the recent briefing on occupational banding you asked for our comments on preferred language for the Authorization Conference in response to the HPSCI Authorization Bill proposal of a Presidential Commission on Intelligence Personnel Systems, and also for some additional data about the conversion of our secretaries and communicators from GS to banding. The data you requested on the secretarial and communicator conversions to banding is attached.

The Committees will be receiving a letter from the DCI regarding the Community's views on the Senate and House versions of the "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1988." However, in order for you to proceed with negotiations with the HPSCI staff you should be aware that there are two areas where we encourage your action on our behalf: 1) delete the proposal in the HPSCI Bill to establish a Presidential Commission and if unavoidable, substitute for the commission an independent, professionally managed study, not to exceed three months, culminating in the issuance of a classified report; and 3) that language in the Classified Annex be clarified to allow us to continue to operate our personnel management systems without Committee approval for routine procedural or policy adjustments.

If you need any further information on this, please don't hesitate to call me at any time.

Daniel A. Childs, Jr.
Comptroller

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